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Pretrial



- Senate Bill 372 filed by Senator Bogdanoff
 - Restricts eligibility for pretrial programs to only indigent defendants
 - o Criminal Justice, Judiciary, Budget
- House Bill will likely be filed by Representative Dorworth
 - May mirror Senate bill

Pretrial



- Governor's budget recommendation to eliminate the Pretrial Intervention Program
- \$4.4 Million cut to Department of Corrections
 71 Employees
- 9,000 Offenders to the local level
- Possible vendor relationship

Article V - Court Funding



- Requirement for counties to automatically increase the funding by 1.5% each year
 - o The fix would turn this escalator off
 - o 2010 passed as part of the budget
 - More than \$6 Million in savings to counties
 - o Try again in 2011

Article V - Court Funding



• Electronic Filing

- o SB 170 (Sen. Bennett) and HB 443 (Rep. Boyd)
- Require State Attorneys and Public Defenders to develop the technological capabilities and process to electronically file criminal court documents with the clerk
- Report by the Prosecuting Attorneys Association and the Florida Public Defenders Association on the progress and any outstanding activities

Juvenile Detention



- Secretary Wansley Walters, former Director for the Miami-Dade Juvenile Assessment Center
- Governor's recommended budget reduces counties costs by \$25 million
 - Nonfiscally constrained counties will pay \$71.9 M
 - o Grant to fiscally constrained counties \$??M
 - o Representative Glorioso and Senator Fasano

Juvenile Detention



- Workgroup on Cost Share
 - o Currently meeting to discuss solutions to detention cost share
 - o Issue: solution without additional state funds
- FAC joined litigation for 2008-09 reconciliation
- Counties filed challenges to the 2009-10 reconciliation
 - Bay, Hernando, Lee, Miami-Dade, Nassau, Okaloosa, Orange, Pinellas, and Seminole

Questions?



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